

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 2009

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February 27, 2003

Kent A. Berger, CPA, Treasurer Friends of Mary Landrieu Inc. 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1434 New Orleans, LA 70130

Identification Number:

C00325126

Reference:

12 Day Pre-Runoff Report (10/17/02-11/17/02)

Dear Mr. Berger:

On February 4, 2003 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your February 12, 2003 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Your report discloses a debt owed to CSWC P.A.C. with an outstanding beginning balance of \$50. The previous report filed by your committee discloses a closing balance of \$550. These amounts should be the same. Please correct this discrepancy and file an amendment to your report(s). (2 U.S.C. §434(b)(8) and 11 CFR §104.11)

Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page discloses a transfer from a joint fundraising committee. However, the memo Schedules A supporting Line 12 are less than the amount transferred. Please note that memo Schedules A supporting a transfer from a joint fundraising committee should be greater than or equal to the amount reported on Line 12. Each participating committee shall report its share of net proceeds received from the joint fundraising committee as a transfer-in on Line 12. Each participating committee shall also file memo Schedules A itemizing its share of the gross receipts as contributions from the original donors. (11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(B)(i)) Please amend your report to correct this discrepancy.

-Schedule A of your report discloses contributions from political committees but fails to include the full and/or recognizable name. Reporting only the name of the connected organization, abbreviating the name of the committee so it is unrecognizable or using an indistinguishable acronym is inadequate. (11 CFR §102.14(c) and 104.3(a)(4)(ii)). A listing of the full FEC-registered committee names, FEC Committee ID number and approved acronyms can be found on the FEC web site (www.fec.gov) or can be obtained by contacting the FEC Public Disclosure Division. Please amend your report to include the missing information.

Due to recent events, the United States Postal Service is experiencing delays in the processing and delivery of mail for the Washington D.C. area. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 on how and where to file an amendment. You can verify the Commission's receipt of any documents submitted by your committee on the FEC website at www.FEC.gov.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by March 19, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be mitiated. Requests for extensions for time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Leah Palmer on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division), our local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division